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## CANADIAN MOUNTAIN AND SKI GUIDE PROGRAM

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### **Application Package**

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<http://www.tru.ca/act/adventure/cmsg-certprg/apply/apppackages.html>

## 1. Apprentice Ski Guide Exam

Ski Guides specialize in ski touring, ski mountaineering, and mechanized ski guiding.

The Apprentice Ski Guide exam evaluates ski guiding applications and skills in a ski touring and ski mountaineering environment. The exam typically takes place in a remote base camp or combination of front and backcountry over a 9-day period. This scenario provides the opportunity for candidates to lead (guide) and demonstrate their decision-making and judgment skills. The guiding skills and applications to be tested are common to mechanized and ski touring operations.

Guide Training Skiing is a prerequisite to the Apprentice Ski Guide Exam. You may wait one year after completing Guide Training Skiing before you are required to take the Apprentice Ski Guide Exam. Apprentice Ski Guides have up to 3 years to attend the Ski Guides exam.

If you have already completed Guide Training Skiing and are applying to the Apprentice Ski Guide Exam, proceed with this application package. If you have not completed Guide Training Skiing, return to the web site and click on 'Guide Training Skiing' or contact the CMSG Program office for the application package

## 2. Notice to Participants of Professional Guide Training Courses - Increased Risk

TRU and the ACMG provide training intended to develop professional skiing, climbing, hiking, rescue, and wilderness travel guides. To train professional guides it is necessary for students to participate in activities that have higher levels of risk than what may be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards. This may include, but is not limited to activities such as: lead climbing where the climber places his or her own protective equipment, climbing without helmets, travel and decision making in avalanche terrain, climbing and rescue in a multi-pitch environment, students driving program vehicles, hiking in unusually rough and remote terrain, stress from examination and grading processes, students making route and hazard assessment decisions on behalf of other students, unsupervised activities; and continuing with an activity when it may not be considered reasonable by entry-level, intermediate, novice, commercial guiding, or recreational standards (for example, when fatigued, in inclement weather, or in high hazard conditions).

### **Waiver and Release of Liability**

**AT THE START OF EACH COURSE or EXAM YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN A LEGAL RELEASE DOCUMENT (Waiver). YOU CAN VIEW A COPY ON-LINE. WE RECOMMEND YOU SEEK LEGAL ADVICE IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS.**

## 3. Application Information – Apprentice Ski Guide Exam

Note: You may indicate preferred exam dates however there are no guarantees and the CMSG Program reserves the right of placement. Be flexible.

### **PREREQUISITES REQUIRED BEFORE YOU CAN APPLY**

- You must be 19 years of age or older
- Current Advanced (80 hr.) First Aid and CPR certificate (Wilderness First Aid is preferred; however OFA 3 will be accepted).

- ❑ CAA Industry Training Program Level One for Avalanche Operations certificate
- ❑ Completed Guide Training Skiing (Alpine, Mechanized and Touring) with a recommendation to continue to the exam.

### TO APPLY YOU MUST SUBMIT

- ❑ Registration form (attached)
- ❑ Copy of your current Advanced First Aid and CPR certificate if your previous cert has expired. (if you will be taking your first aid course after the application deadline, attach a confirmation of registration for the first aid program you are taking – this must be complete, and confirmation received by our office (copy of certificate or letter from the first aid provider) in advance of the program date.
- ❑ Personal Skills resume: An update to your personal skills resume if you completed the training course the previous year.

### CONCERNING APPLICATIONS

Allow yourself adequate time to create a well-structured, organized, and complete application that arrives on time. Your application plays a significant role in whether you will be accepted into the program or not. Poorly organized applications or unformatted resumes jeopardize your acceptance as your background, skills and qualifications may not be clear and/or may compare unfavourably to other applications. Please retain a copy of your application for your records or in case of loss.

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be complete and received by the CMSG Program office by the application closing date. Late or incomplete applications may not be accepted.

Application deadlines, course dates and fees can be viewed online at [www.cmsg.info](http://www.cmsg.info) or contact the Program Office at (250) 371-5838. Dates and fees are updated regularly and may change without notice. **Applications must be best delivered via e-mail. They should be saved in a .pdf package and e-mailed to [cmsg@tru.ca](mailto:cmsg@tru.ca). They should only be faxed if you don't have any other options.**

### NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

Applicants will be notified of acceptance into the course, once accepted the course deposit is due and must be paid in full to confirm placement. See payment details below. **If accepted and it becomes clear to the instructors that you are not at the standard indicted on your application, instructors have the right to remove you from further participation.**

## 4. Backcountry Skiing Resume Format

### Ski Touring and Ski Mountaineering

Trip	Area/Range	Date	Comments	
<i>Name/description of route, terrain</i>			<i>month/year</i>	<i>weather, leadership role</i>
1.				
Etc.				

### Multi-day Trips

Trip	Area/Range	Date	Comments	
<i>Name/description of route, terrain</i>			<i>month/year</i>	<i>weather, leadership role</i>
1.				
2.				
Etc.				